



COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Boards of Directors
County Sanitation Districts
Nos. 27 and 35 of Los Angeles County

Directors:

The consolidated agenda includes the following items for the regular meetings of the Boards of Directors of the Districts meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

1. Approval of Minutes. Copies of the minutes have been provided to each of the Directors.
2. Approval of Departmental Invoices. A departmental invoice is an internal document that transfers each District's proportionate share of expenditures made by District No. 2, the administrative District, on behalf of the participating Districts in accordance with authority granted through joint agreements. During the month, charges are made to a clearing account which is administered by District No. 2 and then are distributed at month end according to said agreements.
3. Adopt Resolution Supporting Continued AB 939 Diversion Credit for Use of Green Waste as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) at Landfills. Legislation has been introduced several times in recent years that would eliminate AB 939 recycling credits currently earned by cities and counties participating in programs which use green waste as ADC at landfills. While these proposals have been defeated in the past, Assemblymember Huffman (Marin) has announced he will author new legislation for 2008. The Chief Engineer and General Manager will discuss this matter. A copy of the proposed Resolution is attached.

Yours very truly,

Stephen R. Maguin

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Enclosures

cc: Dan Hyde
Susan Nissman
Paul Novak
Norm Hickling

Executive Office (8 copies, one for PRESS with minutes of 12/11/2007 meetings attached)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AB 939 DIVERSION
CREDIT FOR USE OF GREEN WASTE AS
ALTERNATIVE DAILY COVER AT LANDFILLS

WHEREAS, the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) were created under the County Sanitation District Act in 1923; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Districts jointly provide for the regional management and substantial recycling of approximately one-half of the solid waste disposal needs of Los Angeles County and serve the wastewater management needs of over 5 million people; and the Sanitation Districts' service area encompasses 78 cities and unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, in their exercise of authority to provide the essential public service of solid waste management, the Sanitation Districts have developed an integrated system of solid waste facilities including three active landfills, three closed landfills, two refuse-to-energy facilities, three transfer/materials recovery facilities, two buy-back recycling facilities and four energy recovery facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 or "AB 939") placed aggressive waste diversion mandates on local governments to achieve 50 percent waste diversion by the year 2000 and delegated discretion to local government as to how best to comply with the law; and

WHEREAS, state law clearly establishes that the use of a waste product, such as shredded green waste, for construction and operation of a solid waste landfill, including the use of green waste as alternative daily cover, displaces the use of virgin materials and constitutes diversion through recycling and is not considered disposal; and

WHEREAS, the use of green waste as alternative daily cover at Districts' landfills conserves natural resources, energy, and landfill capacity, and contributes to the production of green power from landfill gas thereby reducing reliance on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions in Los Angeles County have invested millions of dollars in implementing new waste diversion programs; and over the past fifteen (15) years, seventy-seven (77) jurisdictions in Los Angeles County have taken the initiative to implement separate green waste collection and rely upon the consistently dependable recycling of green waste for alternative daily cover for a significant portion of their waste diversion compliance; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Legislature has considered proposals to eliminate waste diversion credits for green waste alternative daily cover programs; and

WHEREAS, these proposals would severely limit the discretion local jurisdictions are afforded by AB 939 and would require them to invest substantial additional resources in developing new programs to replace those green waste alternative daily cover programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boards of Directors of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County strongly support the continuation of waste diversion through recycling for green waste alternative daily cover programs under AB 939, and direct the Chief Engineer and General Manager to communicate this policy position to members of the Legislature, the Governor of California and administrative agencies, as necessary.

Notice and Agenda

REGULAR MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS — COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS
NOS. 27 AND 35

To be held in the HEARING ROOM
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California

TUESDAY		March 11, 2008		At 9:30 A.M.
ANTONOVICH	KNABE	BURKE (Chairperson)	MOLINA	YAROSLAVSKY

1. Recommendation: Approve minutes of the regular meetings held December 11, 2007 (both Districts).

2. Recommendation: Approve departmental invoices as follows:

	<u>November 2007</u>	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>January 2008</u>
District No. 27 (3)	\$6,222.31	\$4,245.49	\$5,132.76
District No. 35 (5)	258.48	197.73	234.37

3. Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Supporting Continued AB 939 Diversion Credit for Use of Green Waste as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) at Landfills

Adjourn

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MARCH 11, 2008